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Communications From National Officers

By William S. Gray, National President

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Executive Committee believes that one of its major responsibilities this year is to perfect an adequate organization. The Fraternity has a membership of more than 3,200 men who have unlimited potential energy and power; furthermore, they have visions of things to be accomplished. Before all of the forces of the Fraternity can be concentrated on the solution of professional problems of large significance, the co-operation of every field member must be enlisted. It was for this purpose that the membership drive was planned by the National Council at its last meeting.

The reports from the various chapters show clearly that the drive is progressing slowly but effectively. A few of the chapters give promise of being able to enlist the heartiest co-operation of all field members. We hope that every chapter will be equally successful. We recommend that the campaign continue with unceasing vigor until each chapter has its list complete. This involves a tremendous amount of work and the members of the local chapters merit highest commendation for what they have already accomplished.

Local chapters are following different methods in carrying on their campaigns. One chapter is now sending out its third letter to those who have not yet paid fees. A second chapter has asked some of its most enthusiastic field members to write personal letters to other field members. A third chapter is encountering difficulty in securing the addresses of its members. It has asked Secretary McAllister to include a list of names in this issue of the Phi Delta Kappan. Information concerning the men whose names appear in the list will be greatly appreciated.

It is only through persistent effort that thoroughly satisfactory results will be secured. I am taking this occasion to express the appreciation of the Executive Committee for the excellent work which has already been done. I wish also to urge all chapters to continue the campaign vigorously until they are one hundred per cent successful.

A PERSONAL INTERPRETATION OF THE AIMS OF PHI DELTA KAPPA

Letters were recently sent to more than fifty field members asking for personal interpretations of the aims and ideals of Phi Delta Kappa. Many excellent replies have been received. The following paragraph which is quoted from one letter shows how largely the ideals of the Fraternity may enter into the professional lives of its members.

"To me, membership in Phi Delta Kappa signifies a willingness and a desire to be a champion of education in a democracy. It therefore demands of me persistent search for what is best in matters of education, the testing of convictions deliberately established, and the espousal of these principles before those who have had less opportunity than I to think and act on matters of education. In particular, membership in Phi Delta Kappa signifies the obligation I have in re-stating in twentieth-century language, the objectives which should guide teachers, in evaluating the subject-matter which is available for instructional purposes, and in making my work in relation to the professional training of teachers so effective that the accomplishments of the teachers who come under my supervision shall be convincing evidence of the value and power of pedagogical training."

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS TO LOCAL CHAPTERS

At a recent meeting of a local chapter, the responsibility of individual members was under discussion. One of the members had prepared a list of questions which he believed every member in good standing should be able to answer in the affirmative. The list is so comprehensive and suggestive that it was decided to include it in this issue of the Phi Delta Kappan for the scrutiny of other chapters. It is recommended that more detailed lists be prepared and sent in for publication.

1. Do you regularly attend the meetings of the chapter?
2. Do you pay your dues promptly?
3. Do you wear your Phi Delta Kappa pin regularly?
4. Do you know the provisions of the constitution, the ritual, and the by-laws?
5. Are you familiar with the history of your chapter?
6. Are you personally acquainted with all the resident members of your chapter?
7. Are you constantly looking among your friends for men who would be valuable additions to the membership of the Fraternity?
8. Do you accept and faithfully perform all duties assigned to you by the chapter?
9. Are you always willing to sacrifice personal preferences to the welfare of your chapter?
10. When out in the field, do you keep your chapter informed as to your location and the work you are doing?
11. Do you ever take the initiative in

movements for the welfare of your chapter?

12. Do you exemplify in your college and professional life the aims and ideals of Phi Delta Kappa?

INSTALLATION OF THE WISCONSIN CHAPTER

The Executive Committee of Phi Delta Kappa takes great pleasure in announcing the installation of the Wisconsin Chapter, Friday evening, January 28. The members of the Fraternity who officiated at the installation were: Dr. L. V. Koos, District Deputy of the Northwest District; Professor W. L. Uhl, the University of Wisconsin; Principal H. L. Miller, of the University High School; Charles S. Meek, Superintendent of Schools, Madison, Wisconsin; Paul West, assistant Professor of Education, the University of Wisconsin; W. E. Leonard, assistant Professor of Education, the University of Wisconsin, and the National President.

In connection with the installation ceremony, twenty candidates were initiated. A majority of these men are graduates and senior college students of the University of Wisconsin, who are preparing for professional careers in the field of administration. Several of the initiates are members of the Faculty of the University who give courses in Education. Some of the initiates are already holding administrative positions in Wisconsin and came to Madison, Friday, especially for the installation. The superior quality of the new members insures an active progressive chapter.

Leadership in Education

There is no more fitting introduction to the articles on Leadership in this issue of THE PHI DELTA KAPPAN than the following paragraph from the ritual of the Fraternity:

"We urge you to work and live for EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP. With the coming of trained men into the field, who plan a life of educational service, arises the hope of a true profession of teaching. We enjoin upon you most earnestly ever to guard against the narrowing of your interest exclusively to one subject or one detail. Think broadly, think sympathetically, ever bearing in mind that the most efficient educator is the one who, especially capable in one department of our common service, is keenly interested in all others. May we be assured that your vision will not become dead to these possibilities and that your effort will be directed toward their attainment?"

WILLIAM S. GRAY, National President.